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4 OLIVER CRISTOBAL,
5 Plaintiff,
6 v.
7 EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS,
8 INC., et al.,
9 Defendants.

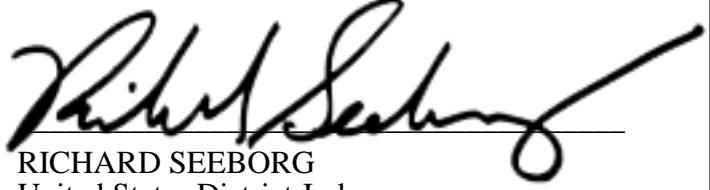
10 Case No. 16-cv-06328-RS

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19 **ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
CONSOLIDATE CASES**

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28 Defendants Equifax, Inc. and Experian Information Solutions, Inc. move to consolidate more than 170 cases filed in this district over the past year by Plaintiff's counsel, Sagaria Law P.C., alleging credit reporting inaccuracies based on Chapter 13 bankruptcy proceedings. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) provides: "If actions before the court involve a common question of law or fact, the court may . . . consolidate the actions." Whether or not to consolidate cases is at the discretion of the district court. *Inv'r's Research Co. v. U.S. Dist. Court for Cent. Dist. of California*, 877 F.2d 777, 777 (9th Cir. 1989).

20 Consolidation across the district is not warranted at this juncture. The motion to
21 consolidate is thus denied. However, consistent with evolving district practice, all cases assigned
22 to the undersigned that name the same defendants and involve similar allegations will be
23 coordinated. To date, those cases are: 3:16-cv-05672, 3:16-cv-05699, 3:16-cv-05717, 3:16-cv-
24 06328, 3:16-cv-06366, and 3:16-cv-05696. To the extent possible, those cases will be heard on
25 the same dates for hearings. For case management, the parties must file one joint case
26 management statement for all six cases, but they should file the document in each case. Pursuant
27 to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b), this matter is suitable for disposition without oral argument and the
28 February 23, 2017, hearing will be vacated.

1 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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RICHARD SEEBORG
United States District Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of California